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SUBJECT: SHOOT-OUT ON OUTSKIRTS OF MANAGUA: AIRFORCE VS; ARMY

1. ON FEBRUARY 26 THERE WAS A SHOOT-OUT ON THE EDGE OF MANAGUA ON THE HEAVILY TRAVELED MANAGUA-MASAYA HIGHWAY, INVOLVING A GUARDIA PATROL, WHICH LEFT TWO DEAD, FOUR OTHERS WOUNDED, AND TRIGGERED THE NORMALLY HYPERACTIVE LOCAL RUMOR MILL INTO FRANTIC ACTIVITY. RATHER THAN AN FSLN GUERRILLA ATTACK OR KIDNAP ATTEMPT AS RUMORED, THE PERPETRATORS WERE APPARENTLY TWO NICARAGUAN AIR FORCE ENLISTED MEN IN CIVILIAN CLOTHES FOR REASONS UNKNOWN OPENED FIRE ON A GUARDIA JEEP. ONE OF THE ATTACKERS WAS KILLED AND FOUR, OTHERS, INCLUDING TWO GUARDIA, AND TWO PASSERS-BY WERE WOUNDED.

2. THE APPARENT ABSENCE OF ANY FSLN CONNECTION IN THE INCIDENT, CONTRARY TO RUMOR, ELIMINATES THE POSSIBILITY THAT IT COULD CONSTITUTE A NEW JUSTIFICATION FOR MAINTAINING MARTIAL LAW. THE RAPID CIRCULATION OF RUMORS AND THE FACT THAT THE GUARDIA SWIFTLY ENTERED A CRISIS OPERATIONS POSTURE INDICATE A HEIGHTENED ANTICIPATION OF SOME FSLN RESPONSE TO THE SENTENCING OF THEIR IMPRISONED COLLEAGUES.
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